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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Senator Stennis, Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee

1. I accompanied Jack Iams, CIA Comptroller and [redacted] Office of Legislative Counsel, this date to a meeting with Senator Stennis which was billed as a pre-brief on the CIA budget. As it turned out, the bulk of the meeting was devoted to a description of the Community budget.

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2. A number of points raised during the meeting are worth noting:

- The Senator opined in a rather off-hand manner that maybe the time had come to disclose in the open budget that which can be, and keep secret only that which is essential.

- Mr. Braswell raised an issue in the context of CIA (but it obviously has much broader community-wide implications) regarding civil use of intelligence assets,

[redacted] The Senator asked if there was an established policy in this area, and I reiterated the DCI's recent position vis-a-vis mapping. Braswell indicated that he felt this was an area where a major policy decision was needed within the Congress. Comment: Senator Stennis seemed to agree. DCI should be prepared to address this subject.

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- The Senator indicated that he would like to have the Director appear "some afternoon next week if possible (no firm date)." He said he preferred to have the CIA budget presented first, followed by a description of the

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Community, with particular emphasis on reconnaissance.

Comment: I indicated that it would probably be preferable to have the Community presentation first in order to put the Agency in perspective, but the Senator was not persuaded. We may want to pursue this further with Braswell.

- In a related matter, Senator Stennis indicated that hopefully the DCI would be the only witness called. Although he allowed that the Members may wish to hear from others.

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indicated that there would surely be questions. So the Director should address himself to the subject beforehand. Braswell indicated that the principle concern here was for on-going sensitive operations, other than the special project. Senator Stennis indicated that he shared this concern and that while he could not influence what the Director did or did not say in his remarks, there was always the very real possibility of further disclosures.

- Braswell raised the question of "money flow" vis-a-vis CIA and other agencies (Slatinchek, House Armed Services, raised the same question in our meeting with him last week). Comment: A short piece on this subject was written into DCI presentation. DCI should be prepared to discuss.

- The Senator indicated, in response to a remark by Braswell, that he felt it was perfectly appropriate for the DCI to address himself to the subject of the effect of recent public disclosures on intelligence. Further, that same concrete example would be worthwhile, i.e., institutions, individuals, foreign intelligence services/governments; as well as effect on moral.

3. In summary, it appeared to be a useful session for the Chairman, and the time well spent. As a follow-up, I placed a call to Braswell to advise him that the Director is already committed to appointments next week, on Thursday (House Appropriations) and Friday (House Armed Services).

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